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SUBJECT: WILLESEE CANDIDACY FOR 30 TH UNGA PRESIDENCY

1. DURING INITIAL CALL MAY 29, AUSTRALIA'S NEW UN PERMREP HARRY TOLD AMB SCALI THAT AUSTRALIA'S SENATOR AND FOREIGN MINISTER WILLESEE IS STILL A CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENCY OF 30TH UNGA.

2. HARRY SAID THAT WHEN WILLESEE PUT HAT IN RING, HE WAS ONLY CANDIDATE FOR UNGA PRESIDENCY. HARRY STRESSED THAT HE HAS NOT DISCUSSED WILLESEE CANDIDACY WITH WESTERN EUROPEANS. HE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT IF WESTERN EUROPEANS INSIST ON CANDIDACY OF LUXEMBOURG'S PRIME MINISTER THORN, WILLESEE MIGHT WELL STEP ASIDE. HARRY WISHED, THOUGH, THAT THORN CANDIDACY HAD BEEN THERE AT THE START. HARRY EXPECTS TO HAVE SOMETHING MORE DEFINITE ON THORN CANDIDACY IN WEEK OR TEN DAYS WHEN AUSTRALIA'S SENATE SHOULD HAVE RISEN AND WILLESEE WILL HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TAKE STOCK OF SITUATION. WILLESEE SHOULD THEN BE IN BETTER POSITION TO SAY WHETHER OR NOT HE WILL REMAIN A CANDIDATE. HARRY ALSO NOTED RUMORED AUSTRALIAN CABINET CHANGES WHICH CONCEIVABLY COULD AFFECT WILLESEE CANDIDACY.

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3. AMB SCALI STRESSED HIGHEST REGARD FOR SENATOR WILLESEE

WITH WHOM WE HAVE WORKED WELL IN THE PAST AND WITH WHOM WE
WOULD LOOK FORWARD WITH PLEASURE TO WORKING IN FUTURE.
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